

PEACE PRESERVATION (IRELAND) ACT.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 9 May 1873;—for,

RETURNS "specifying the DISTRICTS in Ireland to which the Provisions of the PEACE PRESERVATION (IRELAND) ACT have been applied, and the Dates when Proclaimed, distinguishing such Districts as have been specially Proclaimed under Part II. of same Act:"

"And, of all ARRESTS which have been made under the Authority of same Act, of all ORDERS which have been made under the Provisions of the same, whether made by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, or by Justices of the Peace, and of all GRAND JURY PRESENTMENTS made in case of MURDER, MAIMING, or other PERSONAL INJURY, under the Provisions of the Act (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper of 2nd March 1871)."

— No. 5. —

RETURN of all ARRESTS which have been made under the Authority of the PEACE PRESERVATION (IRELAND) ACTS, from the 4th April 1870 to the 2nd March 1871, inclusive, (See Note under No. 6.)

Head.	Nature of Offence.	Number of Arrests.
Part I.—In Proclaimed Districts.		
1	Arrests of Persons unlawfully carrying or having Arms, contrary to 11 & 12 Vict. c. 2, ss. 0 & 12	163
Part II.—In Specially Proclaimed Districts.		
2	Arrests of Persons unlawfully carrying or having Arms, contrary to 11 & 12 Vict. c. 2, ss. 0 & 12, Peace Preservation (Ireland) Act, 1870, s. 20	31
TOTAL Arrests		193

Constabulary Office, Dublin Castle,
14 June 1873.

J. Stewart Wood,
Inspector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary.

RETURN of all ARRESTS which have been made under the Authority of the PEACE PRESERVATION (IRELAND) ACTS, from the 3rd March 1871 to the 9th May 1873, inclusive.

Head.	Nature of Offence.	Number of Arrests.
Part I.—In Proclaimed Districts.		
1	Arrests of Persons unlawfully carrying or having Arms, contrary to 11 & 12 Vict. c. 2, ss. 0 & 12.	269
2	Of Persons duly licensed to kill Game unlawfully carrying or having Arms contrary to Section 6	9
3	Of Persons duly licensed to have or carry Arms, unlawfully having or carrying Revolvers, contrary to the same Section	0
Part II.—In Specially Proclaimed Districts.		
4	Arrests of Persons unlawfully carrying or having Arms, contrary to 11 & 12 Vict. c. 2, ss. 0 & 12, Peace Preservation (Ireland) Act, 1870, Section 26	56
5	Of Persons being out at Night under suspicious circumstances, contrary to Section 23	218
6	Strangers, &c. failing to account satisfactorily for themselves, contrary to Section 25	154
Part III.—In every District.		
7	Witnesses, bound by Recognizances, absconding contrary to Section 38	6
TOTAL Arrests		732

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— No. 6. —

ORDERS BY MAGISTRATES.

Note.—In preparing the Returns given in the Parliamentary Paper (No. 239) of 2nd March 1871, it was presumed that the information required was merely with regard to Offences created by the Peace Preservation (Ireland) Act, 1870, and, consequently, Orders made in respect of the Offences of unlawfully carrying or having Arms contrary to the Crime and Outrage Act of 1847 were not given; as, however, the present Order seems to suggest that information is now required with respect to proceedings under all the Peace Preservation Acts, and not merely the Act of 1870, the Return has been prepared accordingly.

In order to enable a comparison to be made with the former Parliamentary Paper, the Returns, of which the following is a Summary, have been obtained:—

SUMMARY of RETURNS from the several Clerks of Petty Sessions in *Ireland* of all ORDERS made by MAGISTRATES in *Ireland*, from 4th April 1870 to 2nd March 1871, in respect of Persons unlawfully carrying or having Arms, contrary to 11 & 12 Vict. c. 2, ss. 9 & 12.

Committals for trial	-	-	-	-	-	171
Discharged	-	-	-	-	-	105
Bailed	-	-	-	-	-	132
TOTAL						408

For a similar purpose the following Return is also submitted, as the information given in it was not included in the former Parliamentary Paper:—

SUMMARY of RETURNS from the several CLERKS OF PETTY SESSIONS in *Ireland*, in respect of the Number of SEARCH WARRANTS issued pursuant to the 15th Section of the PEACE PRESERVATION (IRELAND) ACT, 1870, from the passing of that Act up to the 2nd March 1871.

Number of Search Warrants - - - 11.

SUMMARY OF RETURNS from the several CLERKS of PETTY SESSIONS of all ORDERS made by MAGISTRATES in Ireland under the provisions of the PEACE PRESERVATION (IRELAND) ACTS, from the 3rd March 1871 to the 9th May 1873, inclusive.

Head.	NATURE OF OFFENCE.	NUMBER OF ORDERS.				
		Summary Certificates or Certificates.	Committed for Trial.	Discharged.	Refused.	Total.
Part I.—In Proclaimed Districts.						
1	Persons unlawfully carrying or having arms contrary to 11 & 12 Vict. c. 2, ss. 9 & 12	-	282	335	266	683
2	Persons duly licensed to kill game, unlawfully carrying or having arms contrary to Peace Preservation (Ireland) Act, 1870, s. 6	-	2	-	2	4
3	Persons duly licensed to have or carry arms, unlawfully having or carrying revolvers contrary to the same section	-	2	1	2	6
4	Makers or dealers in gunpowder unlawfully selling gunpowder to unlicensed persons contrary to s. 11 of same Act	6	-	2	-	7
5	Selling, making, repairing, or keeping arms to or for an unlicensed person contrary to s. 12 of same Act	0	-	4	-	7
6	Neglecting or refusing when summoned to appear or give evidence upon any investigation in which no person is charged, contrary to s. 13 of same Act	5	-	-	-	5
7	Persons suspected of writing threatening letters. Search warrants under section 13 of same Act for documents in their handwriting	-	-	-	-	31
Part II.—In Specially Proclaimed Districts.						
8	Persons unlawfully carrying or having arms, contrary to 11 & 12 Vict. c. 2, ss. 9 & 12, Peace Preservation (Ireland) Act, 1870, s. 26	29	-	61	-	90
9	Persons duly licensed to kill game, unlawfully carrying or having arms, Peace Preservation (Ireland) Act 1870, ss. 6 & 95	-	-	1	-	1
10	Persons duly licensed to have or carry arms, unlawfully having or carrying revolvers, same Act and sections	1	-	1	-	2
11	Being out at night under suspicious circumstances, contrary to s. 23 same Act	66	-	147	1	214
12	Strangers, &c., failing to account satisfactorily for themselves, contrary to s. 25 same Act	3	-	30	-	33
13	Orders made under section 28, upon charges of rising or assembling in arms, or otherwise unlawfully, contrary to 14 & 16 Geo. 2 (Irish), c. 21, s. 2	-	-	1	-	1
14	Similar orders upon charges of illegal drilling, &c., contrary to 65 Geo. 3, and 1 Geo. 4, c. 1, s. 1	6	-	-	-	6
Part III.—In every District.						
15	Unlicensed persons selling gunpowder, contrary to s. 85	2	-	3	-	5
16	Makers of and dealers in gunpowder failing to make returns required by s. 86	20	-	-	-	20
17	Guns makers, &c., failing to keep the book required by s. 37, or to produce it	5	-	-	-	5
18	Witnesses, bound by recognizance, absconding, contrary to s. 38	4	-	2	-	6
TOTAL		150	286	683	272	1,327

Dublin Castle, }
21 July 1873. }

T. H. Burke.

PEACE PRESERVATION (IRREGULAR) ACT.

SECTION relates to Prescriptions under the
Provisions of the Peace Preservation
(Ireland) Act, 1878

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